

Planning & Regulation Committee Monday, 11 April 2016

ADDENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

<i>Apology</i>	<i>Temporary Appointment</i>
Councillor Stewart Lilly Councillor Neil Owen	Councillor Lawrie Stratford -

4. Petitions and Public Address

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
Robert Johnston (Enstone Uplands District & Conservation Trust) Deborah Caedel (Knights) Jeremy Hurlstone Dee McDonald (Agent)))6. Enstone Shooting Range –)Application MW.0160/15))

6. Update report - Proposed importation and processing of material on land at Enstone Shooting Range, Enstone for placement on the permitted bunds as per planning permission 14/1178/P/FP at Enstone Airfield, Enstone - Application MW.0160/15

Additional Representations

1. We have received an additional consultation response from Steeple Barton Parish Council on 31 March 2016 in relation to the second round of consultation which ended on the 25 March 2016.
2. Steeple Barton Parish Council stated the following:

“Steeple Barton Parish Council were pleased to read in the additional information that David Einig Contracting (DEC) were happy to avoid the village of Middle Barton and also sign up to a routing agreement. The Parish Council would therefore urge and support DEC signing up to the amended travel plan outlined in ‘Option 2’ in the documentation, so that small villages such as Middle Barton are avoided all together.”
3. The consultation response from Steeple Barton Parish Council supports the alternative option to divert traffic away from the village of Middle Barton. The response does not impact on the original recommendation made in the committee report update.
4. Since writing the report update, I am now aware the Enstone to Bicester Option 1 route would be prohibited by a weight restriction at Lower Heyford. Therefore the only viable option proposed between Bicester and Enstone would be Option 2 which uses the A44 and A34.

Comments have also been received from

County Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles

I had intended to speak but in fact am unable to. However, I would like the committee to be aware that I support this application wholeheartedly. I attended the Parish council meeting recently when this application was discussed and supported unanimously. There were no objections from the residents. I sincerely hope the members support the recommendation for approval.

Enstone Parish Council

Unanimous support for the application

Peter Butler (Local Resident)

“It is not my intention to attend the meeting on 11th April. However, I am content

for my following comments to be shared with the Planning Committee

I spoke against the application at the last meeting. I have the following comments regarding this resubmission:-

1. I have spoken, at length, with Mr Einig the contractor for this work. He has been very cooperative and worked with me regarding the works and traffic routes.
2. I agree with the traffic routes now submitted. In particular they avoid Gaginwell and The Bartons. Mr Einig has promised to carefully monitor drivers to ensure the agreed routes are adhered to.
3. The number of lorry movements should permit the building of the bunds in the specified timelines.
4. There is a stipulation of a maximum of 20% waste being re-exported from the site. This must be monitored and enforced.

To refuse this application at this stage will have the effect of allowing the works to be completed by using pre-prepared materials, at other sites, but will remove the agreed traffic routes and cause even more lorry movements across the county, which is not in the public interest.

West Oxon District Council, having approved the planning application to build the bunds, have left residents with no option but to accept this blight on our lives. Their actions in doing so, in my opinion, have left the county with a huge environmental debt. The number of lorry movements to achieve these bunds is a national disgrace, but there is no going back, apparently.

So, we are left with making the best of a very bad deal for the community and the county. I now feel there is nothing more that can be done and accordingly, and very reluctantly, accept this application should be approved to minimise the impact of the proposal.”

Richard Weston, Head of Transport, David Einig Contracting

“Further to the above planning application being brought to Planning & Regulation Committee on 11 April, I would like to inform you of the concerns of David Einig Contracting’s [DEC] lorry drivers. I am DEC’s head of transport and recently, lorries have been pulled off Ardley for planning reasons and if the Enstone project does not proceed, we will have to make more drivers redundant. This is causing much upset and concern for our drivers. I believe they will be attending on the day to show support but they have requested that I send an email to yourself to express their concerns on their behalf as a whole. I hope this will be taking into account.”

Kevin Adams, Lorry Driver, David Einig Contracting

“I am a lorry driver for David Einig. Recently my hours were cut as a number of

David Einig's sites have been affected by planning decisions, firstly traffic movement restriction at Ardley and now confusion with this Enstone application. I am unsure as to why the council committee deem our jobs un-valuable, We (DEC staff) are very concerned that if this permission is not granted some of us will lose our jobs. DEC is an excellent employer and employs a large number of local people.

As I understand it, this planning application is only to place a crusher/screener on site as there is not enough capacity through our other screening sites to meet the needs of this site. I'm no expert but this would seem to be a no brainer. I would like to express my support for this application and would appreciate if you would share my concerns with the relevant people. I will be attending on Monday to see whether myself and my colleagues are being fairly represented as the public by the council. I sincerely hope the right decision is made and that we all still have our jobs next week.”

Recommendation

There is no change to the printed recommendation